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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Specification [Total Pages 21]
2.  Drawing(s) (35USC 113) [Total Pages 5]
3.  Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages 2]
  - a.  Newly executed declaration (Original copy)
  - b.  Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)

*[Note Box 4 Below]*  
**DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
 Signed statement attached deleting  
 Inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
 see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4.  Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a  
 copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,  
 is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
 accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
 reference therein.

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

5.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6.  Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
8.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
9.  Preliminary Amendment
10.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
11.  Small Entity Statement(s) Statement filed in prior application,  
Status still proper and desired
12.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) German  
Application No. 199 11 713.6 filed March 16, 1999
13.  Other:

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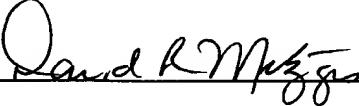
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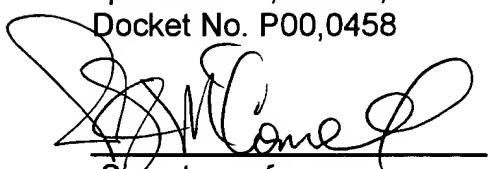
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Proposed Patent Application for HARALD BERGER, MARKUS JABS and GERHARD SCHARFEN entitled "SWITCHING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PARALLEL CONNECTION OF SUBSCRIBER TERMINAL DEVICES, consisting of specification, claims, 5 sheets of informal drawings, Government Filing Fee, Attorney Docket No. P00,0458

  
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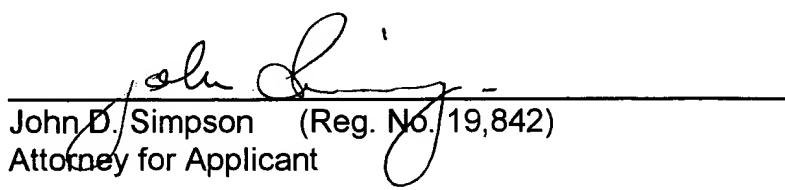
Re: Proposed Patent Application for HARALD BERGER, MARKUS JABS, and GERHARD SCHARFEN entitled "SWITCHING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PARALLEL CONNECTION OF SUBSCRIBER TERMINAL DEVICES", Attorney Docket No. P00,0458

SIR:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 9 claims, 5 sheets of informal drawings and filing fee on behalf of HARALD BERGER, MARKUS JABS and GERHARD SCHARFEN and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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